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ABSENTEEISM IN OSTRAVA MINES - Svobodne Slovo, No 80, 5 Apr 49

Sickness is the largest cause of absenteeism, which in some of the Ostrava-Karvin mines has reached 27 percent. Trade union and management groups have announced a campaign against absenteeism and are investigating the possibility that a certain number of absentees are malingerers. All workers who were sick more than once (including injuries) from 1 January 1948 to 1 March 1949 will be investigated to see whether they are malingerers. Malingers will be examined by doctors. Honest workers, who really need medical care, will receive all possible help. In this way it is hoped that malingerers and saboteurs can be done away with.

OFFICE WORKERS TO WORK IN FORESTS -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 81, 6 Apr 49

On 4 April 1949 a 70-member brigade of employees of the Central National Committee left Prague for 6 months' duty. They will go to the forests in the region of the Kyslavart Baths.

On 3 April 1949 a 65-member brigade of employees of the Firm, Czechoslovak Insurance House state enterprise left for the state forests at Cesky Krumlov. More brigades, totalling 1,000 employees, will follow at 14-day intervals. They will work a total of 85,000 hours this year.

BRIGADES IN PRAGUE XIII - Prace. No 80. 5 Apr 49

A total of 2,279 persons participated in brigade work organized in Prague XIII in March, and 15,715 hours were worked. There were 1,044 people on coal brigades and 1,104 on park and communication brigades; 131 dressmakers sewed 295 articles of clothing for the social department.

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NEW TEXTILE WORKERS' SCHOOL - Prace, No 80, 5 Apr 49

Platarske Zavody (Knitting Mills) state enterprise in Jihlava is establishing a new knitter's school for 800 employees. The school will be in the extensive installations of the former textile factory in Helenin. The school has been granted 69 million crowns.

2,000 STUDENT NURSES NEEDED YEARLY - Prace, No 79, 3 Apr 49

According to preliminary estimates, 2,000 girls are needed every year to go into 2-year basic schools to study nursing. Students are housed and fed free, and the only payment required is 700 crowns per month for the first 4 months, which is a trial period.

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